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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Examiner:
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BOLDT, JR. et al)	Art Unit:
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Serial No.:)	
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Filed:)	November 10, 2003
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For: VIDEO DISPLAY APPARATUS))	Tustin, California
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

The subject application is a Continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/703,916 filed November 11, 2000 entitled Video Display Apparatus (“‘916 application”). The ‘916 application was allowed on April 11, 2003 with claims 1-17. The inventorship entity was corrected via Office Communication dated August 15, 2003, paper 16.

The allowed claims call for the use of holograms for receiving the light emitted by the pixels and dispersing the light in a substantially elliptical pattern directly to the observer or observers. Holograms are a subset of the diffractive optics family which family includes holographic, kinoform, binary, multi-layer, and continuous profile optical components. Diffractive optical elements including holograms function by relying on diffraction as opposed to refraction to modify light propagation.

While the inventors believe that the group of optical components within the diffractive optics family are equivalent to the claimed holograms with respect to their ability to receive light from the pixels described in the subject application and disperse the light in a substantially elliptical pattern to an observer the term "hologram" has been replaced with the term "diffractive") in the claims in this application to ensure that the inventors and their assignee are adequately protected.

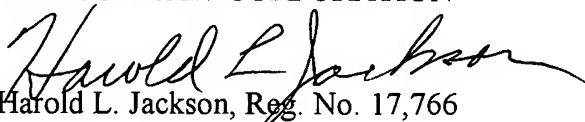
The inventors are not aware that anyone else has used diffractive optical elements in a video display apparatus as described and claimed in the application.

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to preclude any rejection based on double patenting.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is courteously solicited. If applicant's attorney can be of any further assistance, please call the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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